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From: Commanding Officer, USS PAUL HAMILTON (DDG 60)
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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization
(2) Chronological History
(3) Narrative

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) through (3) are submitted for calendar year 2003.

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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

1. Command Short Title: PAUL HAMILTON
2. Unit Identification Code: 21822
3. Mission Statement: PAUL HAMILTON's mission is to implement the National Security Policy and to protect and further the vital interests of the United States. PAUL HAMILTON is designed to conduct prompt and sustained combat operations at sea.
4. Organizational Structure: The basic Chain of Command for PAUL HAMILTON:

Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Commander, Naval Surface Forces Pacific

Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

Commander, Destroyer Squadron Thirty One

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4. Name of Commander: Commander William C. Johnson, USN
5. Permanent Duty Station: USS PAUL HAMILTON (DDG 60) is homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

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Chronological History

January:

01 - 03 Inport Darwin, Australia
04 Underway en route to Gulf of Oman
07 Inport Brisbane, Australia
09 - 22 Underway en route to Gulf of Oman
23 Underway Replenishment with USNS Pecos (T-AO 197)
23 - 31 Maritime Interdiction Operations ISO OPERATION ENDURING
 FREEDOM - Gulf of Oman
31 Underway Replenishment with USS Camden (AOE 2)

February:

01 - 28 Multiple Transits through Strait of Hormuz
01 - 28 Maritime Interdiction Operations ISO OPERATION ENDURING
 FREEDOM - Gulf of Oman
04 Underway Replenishment with JDS Tokiwa (AOE 423)
13 Underway Replenishment with RAF Brambleleaf (AOT - A81)
18 Underway Replenishment with RAF Brambleleaf (AOT - A81)

March:

01 - 10 Maritime Interdiction Operations - Gulf of Oman
03 Underway Replenishment with USNS Ericsson (T-AO 194)
09 Underway Replenishment with JDS Tokiwa (AOE 423)
11 Transit to Northern Arabian Gulf (NAG)
14 Underway Replenishment with RAF Brambleleaf (AOT - A81)
16 On station NAG
20 Underway Replenishment with USNS Sirius (T-AFS 8)
21 Launch orders received, start of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM
21 - 31 Tomahawk Launches ISO OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM
28 Underway Replenishment with USS Rainier (AOE 7)

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April:

01 - 07 Tomahawk Launches ISO OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM
04 Underway Replenishment with USNS Yukon (T-AO 222)
07 Depart NAG with Abraham Lincoln Carrier Battle Group
09 Transit Strait of Hormuz en route to Pearl Harbor
10 Underway Replenishment with JDS Tokiwa (AOE 423)
12 Enter C7F AOR
19 Underway Replenishment with USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72)
22 Underway Replenishment with USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72)
26 Return to Pearl Harbor, completion of deployment
26 Commence post-deployment stand down - Pearl Harbor
26 - 30 Inport Pearl Harbor

May:

01 - 31 Post-deployment stand down - Pearl Harbor

June:

01 Upkeep - Pearl Harbor
02 Fast Cruise
03 - 05 Ammo offload - NAVMAG Pearl Harbor
06 Family Cruise - MIDPAC
07 - 11 Upkeep - Pearl Harbor
12 - 30 Selected Restricted Availability - Pearl Harbor

July:

01 - 31 Selected Restricted Availability - Pearl Harbor
07 - 11 SMA/ADP Limited Team Trainer
14 Force Protection Phase I stand down
14 - 16 Afloat Training Group (ATG) MOB-E/D Review
21 ATG Medical Administration Review and Limited Team Trainer

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25 Change of Command - Pearl Harbor
28 - 30 ATG 3M Limited Team Trainer
31 Search and Rescue Certification administration review

August:

01 - 31 Selected Restricted Availability - Pearl Harbor
07 Main Space Turnover
11 - 14 ATG Training Team Training Seminar
14 AEGIS Light-off
18 ATG MOB-N Limited Team Trainer
18 - 19 ATG Intel administration review
18 - 20 Communications Limited Team Trainer
18 - 20 ATG MOB-E administration review
18 - 20 ATG MOB-D drills/equipment Limited Team Trainer
18 - 22 TRASUP Training
19 - 22 RADNAV Team Training
25 - 29 ATG Single Ship USW Trainer
25 - 29 PPAT Limited Team Trainer
26 Search and Rescue Certification

September:

01 - 04 Selected Restricted Availability
02 USW Limited Team Trainer
04 Fast Cruise
05 Sea Trials
06 - 14 Upkeep - Pearl Harbor
08 - 12 SMA/3M Baseline Certification
08 - 12 Propulsion Maintenance Testing
08 - 12 Harpoon/VLS/TLAM Material Certification

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08 - 12 Aviation Certification/Readiness Qualification
08 - 12 ATG Single Ship USW Team Trainer
09 - 12 Cargo-Weapons Maintenance Training
15 - 16 Ammunition onload - NAVMAG Pearl Harbor
17 - 19 TYT MIDPAC/Combat Systems Sea Trials
20 - 30 Upkeep - Pearl Harbor
22 - 30 FMAV - Pearl Harbor
22 - 30 Battle Force Team Trainer (BFTT) Training
22 - 26 ATG Tomahawk/Harpoon Administrative Limited Team Trainer
29 - 30 NSFS Team Trainer
29 - 30 Force Protection Phase II stand down
29 - 30 Engineering Limited Team Trainer

October:

01 Force Protection Phase II stand down
01 - 03 NSFS Team Trainer
01 - 03 FMAV - Pearl Harbor
01 - 03 Engineering Limited Team Trainer
01 - 03 Battle Force Team Trainer (BFTT) Training
01 - 05 Upkeep - Pearl Harbor
06 - 10 CART II
11 - 13 Upkeep - Pearl Harbor
14 - 17 TSTA - MIDPAC
14 - 17 SSN TRE - MIDPAC
16 SLAMEX
18 - 26 Upkeep - Pearl Harbor
20 - 22 Force Protection Phase III stand down
20 - 24 ATG CTMQ Tomahawk/Harpoon Limited Team Trainer

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23 - 30 CIC Team Trainer
27 - 30 TSTA - MIDPAC
30 SLAMEX
31 Upkeep - Pearl Harbor

November:

01 - 02 Upkeep - Pearl Harbor
03 - 07 Inport TSTA - Pearl Harbor
03 - 07 CMTQ
05 - 07 NSFS Team Trainer
08 - 09 Upkeep - Pearl Harbor
10 TSTA - MIDPAC
11 Upkeep - Pearl Harbor
12 - 14 TSTA - MIDPAC
12 Ammunition onload - NAVMAG Lualaulei
12 NSFS Practice FIREX I
13 NSFS FIREX I
15 - 17 Upkeep - Pearl Harbor
18 - 21 TSTA - MIDPAC
18 Moor to a buoy
19 AAW Demonstration - PMRF
20 SVTT/VECTAC - PMRF
21 Nighttime anchorage
22 -30 Upkeep - Pearl Harbor

December:

01 - 05 TSTA - MIDPAC
06 - 07 Upkeep - Pearl Harbor
08 - 10 TSTA - MIDPAC

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11 - 17	Upkeep - Pearl Harbor
18 - 31	FMAV - Pearl Harbor
19 - 31	Holiday Leave and Upkeep Period

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NARRATIVE

USS PAUL HAMILTON (DDG 60) welcomed 2003 while inport in Darwin, Australia. The order to return to the Arabian Gulf reached PAUL HAMILTON as the ship enjoyed liberty in Darwin, Australia. Before returning to FIFTH Fleet, the ship was able to conduct a port visit on Australia's eastern coast, in the city of Brisbane. After stopping briefly again in Darwin for fuel, the ship set sail and prepared to encounter whatever unknowns the coming weeks and months would bring. PAUL HAMILTON's first assignment was as the Local Air Defense Coordinator for Commander, Task Force 151. These ships operated in the Gulf of Oman under the command of a Canadian Flag Officer and conducted Maritime Intercept Operations to deter and interdict the flow of escaping Al Qaeda in support of the Global War on Terrorism. As a result, the boarding teams once again found themselves busy as they visited numerous vessels in pursuit of links to international terrorism.

As conflict with Iraq became more likely, PAUL HAMILTON's mission began to shift primarily as an escort role as war material flowed daily through the Strait of Hormuz under the watchful eyes of PAUL HAMILTON Sailors. In keeping with an age-old destroyer mission, DDG-60 conducted 26 Strait of Hormuz transits, supporting the unhindered flow of naval auxiliaries and merchant shipping into the Arabian Gulf. In mid-March, PAUL HAMILTON conducted its final escort of merchant shipping and proceeded north to prepare for strike missions against Iraq if ordered. The first of many launch orders arrived on March 21st. These Tomahawk Land Attack Missile (TLAM) launches were the first of numerous orders that PAUL HAMILTON conducted in support of Operation

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IRAQI FREEDOM. No other TLAM firing unit expended more missiles during the war than PAUL HAMILTON.

PAUL HAMILTON continued TLAM strike missions until April 7th, when the ship departed the Arabian Gulf with the Abraham Lincoln battle group, transiting the Strait of Hormuz the final time on April 9th. The transit home was conducted at high speed without port calls to ensure the ships would return to homeport as soon as possible. On April 12th, the ship crossed into C7F AOR.

After nine months at sea, including combat operations in support of two separate operations (IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM), PAUL HAMILTON returned to homeport on April 26th. Back in Pearl Harbor, the ship commenced its post-deployment stand down period. The stand down continued through the month of May, as the crew enjoyed their much-deserved rest and recovery.

June saw PAUL HAMILTON get underway to offload leftover ammunition on June 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Following the offload, the ship rewarded the families with a family cruise in the Hawaiian Operating Area. Following the cruise, the ship spent the rest of the month in an upkeep period until the 11th. On June 11th, the ship began an ambitious two and a half month selected restricted availability (SRA).

During the month of July, PAUL HAMILTON remained in port for SRA. During that period, however, the ship began its preparations for the upcoming training cycle. Limited Team Trainers with the Afloat Training Group (ATG) Middle Pacific (MIDPAC) began in earnest, including medical training, 3M training, and force protection training. On July 25th, Commander William C. Johnson, USN relieved Commander Frederick W. Pfirmann, USN as the Commanding Officer of PAUL HAMILTON.

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The ship continued its SRA during the month of August. Major events included contractors turning over the mainspaces on August 7th, and AEGIS Light-Off on August 14th. In addition, the ship continued training for upcoming certifications and the Command Assessment of Readiness for Training, phase two (CART II). ATG MIDPAC trainers were executed for Mobility areas (Damage Control, Navigation, Seamanship, Engineering).

September marked the end of SRA for PAUL HAMILTON. On September 4th, the ship conducted its first fast cruise in months, as it prepared for post-SRA Sea Trails. The ship embarked on a one day Sea Trails on September 5th. Following the successful Sea Trails, the ship returned to port for continued upkeep and certifications. Over the next three weeks, the ship completed its 3M, Harpoon/VLA/Tomohawk, and Aviation certifications, as well as conducting a Force Protection Phase II stand down.

October began with a short FMAV, ending on October 3rd. Following the FMAV, the ship officially began CART II. Underway October 14-17, the ship conducted an SSN Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) with USS Tucson (SSN 770) and USS La Jolla (SSN 701).

During November, the ship continued its inter-deployment training schedule with tailored ship's training assessment (TSTA) underways throughout the month. Additionally, the ship unloaded ammunition for Naval Magazine Lualualei (NAVMAG LLL) on November 12th, in preparation for FIREX I practice and graded exercise on November 13th and 14th, respectively. The ship was also able to conduct a Mooring to a Buoy demonstration on November 18th, and an AAW demonstration on the 19th, followed by a SVTT/VECTAC exercise on the 20th. All live fire

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exercises/demonstrations were held at the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF). The ship spent the last week of November (22-30) inport.

December began with a TSTA underway in the Middle Pacific, from December 1-5. Following a week inport, PAUL HAMILTON continued the training from December 8-10. The ship also completed its Underway Demonstration (UD) on December 16th and 17th. The ship began a FMAV on December 18th, which continued for the duration of the month. Additionally, on December 18th, PAUL HAMILTON began her holiday leave period, which also continued through the end of December.

2003 provided PAUL HAMILTON and its crew with a slew of challenging missions that were successfully executed. From tomahawk strikes in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, enforcing United Nations sanctions in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, to spreading international goodwill throughout the Western Pacific, to installing a range of new equipment during two major maintenance periods, the crew of PAUL HAMILTON superbly executed every mission. PAUL HAMILTON answered the call for duty and was a vital contributor to the national security, peace and prosperity of the United States of America.

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